

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<b>Title</b>	: Use of CMC in Drilling Fluids		
<b>Customer No.</b>	: 00109		

Commissioner for Patents  
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### Submission with an RCE

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2009, please amend the claims as detailed hereinafter and reconsider the rejection in view of the arguments presented hereinafter.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

To the extent necessary to preserve pendency, the Director is respectfully requested to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 041512.